

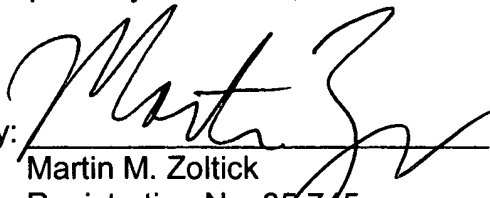
REMARKS

Upon entry of this Preliminary Amendment, Claims 1-27 are pending. Claims 3, 6, 8, 13, 16-17, 19-25 and 27 have been amended to remove the multiple dependency of the claims and to put the application in better condition for examination. No new matter has been added.

It is respectfully submitted that the present application is now in condition for examination, and a favorable decision is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner believe that any issues could be resolved through discussions with Applicant's representative, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone for that purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

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